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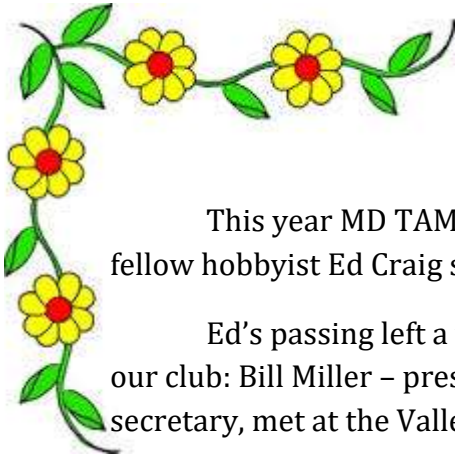
Hello Fellow Members



I hope everyone received their MD TAMS 45th Birthday Poker Chip. I would like to thank Al Sergio for the making of these chips and encasing them a special collector case. They were sent out in early July. The board in at the end of May and talked about the health of the club. See president and minutes for details.

If anyone needs a poker chip for their event or project. Al Sergio at casinoslotmachineinfo@gmail.com or 443-962-7841

Jane



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This year MD TAMS is celebrating its 45th anniversary. For 28 of those years our friend & fellow hobbyist Ed Craig served as president, providing exemplary leadership.

Ed's passing left a void which needs to be filled. On May 29th of this year the 4 officers of our club: Bill Miller – president, Jane Sears – editor, Bernie Bodt – treasurer, & Len Cicero – secretary, met at the Valley View Inn in Parkville to plot a path for the future.

Our first order of business was to vote a \$500 gift to Loyola High School in Ed's memory. Considering Ed's long tenure as president it was appropriate. Ed's sister Maureen sent the club a very thoughtful thank you note in recognition of our gift.

The next topic of discussion was the future of our club. Currently we have 52 members – 48 individuals & 4 institutions. Our meeting at the fall 2023 Whitman Show in Baltimore had an attendance of 4 – all club officers. MD TAMS by-laws mandate that the club have an annual meeting in the Spring, but it was cancelled due to lack of participation. This is our biggest concern. Membership seems to have soured on Baltimore as a meeting place, but are there any better options? We want members to share advice/suggestions. We can consider other venues, other towns. Where would you like to meet? About a third of the membership lives out of the area, but we think we can do a combination meeting/auction/swap meet with at least 10-15 members present. We want to hear from you; contact info. can be found on the front page of the Journal, so call or e-mail & let us hear your views.

Like many other clubs aging is a major factor. Right now, the average age of the officers is 79. As much as we all want to contribute, we need younger members to step up. During my 1st tenure as president, I was in my 30s. Now as a septuagenarian I hope that a younger person will come to the fore. We need a vice-president so this would be a good place to start.

The same goes for the other positions. Bernie does a great job as custodian of club funds. The cd's he has purchased continue to generate the best rates going. He has us on firm financial ground.

This message could not be written without Len's minutes from our last meeting. Len is 89(!), yet he finds time to help out.

And Jane IS the MD TAMS Journal. Without the Journal we do not have a club. Jane has agreed to continue as editor for the near future, but there needs to be a fall back in case she does not wish to continue. So please consider volunteering to help.

We voted to reduce dues to \$10 a year as an incentive to recruit/retain members. Also, we will not be offering any more life memberships. Please understand, money is not our problem, lack of participation is. We do not want this to be a club for only a handful of people. If we want to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 5 years we need people who are willing to help.

Finally, we are giving up our P.O. Box, so all future correspondence should be addressed to Treasurer Bernie Bodt – address on 1st page (thanks again Bernie).

MD TAMS is an excellent organization. It is worth preserving. If you can, sign up a new member, write an article, consider a leadership position. We would like to hear from you concerning meetings, participation, & the future of MD TAMS.

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\$ 10.00 CHANGE**



NOW THE MINUTES

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT VALLEY VIEW INN

MD TAMS had a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, it was held at the Valley View Inn, located in Parkville, Maryland. Four officers and one guest, Ed Craig's sister Maureen, was there for a while. Bill Miller took over as President; Bernie Bodt, Treasurer; Len Cicero, Secretary; and Jane Sears, Editor of the Journal were present. There was much discussion on the future of MD TAMS and what direction we are going. It seems the members are showing little interest in MD TAMS by the poor attendance at our meetings. We are going to let the members have some input on how we are going to keep the organization going.

The President's Message in this Special Journal will lay out some information on how we will be proceeding. It was voted to send a special gift of \$500.00 to Loyola High School, Blakefield and Loyola College in honor of Ed Craig and reduce the membership dues to \$10.00.

The meeting was informal, and Lunch was served while we discussed our future. Bernie gave me a financial report. Bill and Bernie were going to the Bank after the meeting to take care of some paperwork. It was discussed about having one annual meeting a year, at a to be announced location. I had no new correspondents and we decided to close the Postal Box and have all mail sent to Bernie Bodt's address at the end of the year. Jane as usual had a bag of goodies for the three members present and presented everyone with a copy of her "Pre-Civil War Maryland Lotteries" book. She showed us a copy of a Special Book she was going to have printed and sent out to all members. This year being our 45th Anniversary, she is having a special Poker Chip made for all members.

There is much to be decided on the future of our organization, Ed Craig leaves a void to be filled, and we will see what the future has in store for MD TAMS.

Len Cicero, Secy.

VALLEY VIEW INN

By Lenny Cicero LM29

VALLEY VIEW INN – 8712 Satyr Hill Rd., 410-668-0255

Valley View Inn, located in Parkville, Maryland is a neighborhood bar and restaurant. It was established in 1995. And has a very good reputation for good food and cold beer. It is laid-back neighborhood hangout with a bar and menu of pub grub and American staples like fried chicken.

One of its specialties is Sour Beef and Dumplings; it also has a very good variety of other popular bar and restaurant foods including Steaks. Known for comfort food, the restaurant is particularly praised for its burgers, and crab cakes and steam shrimp.

On May 29, 2024, we held a meeting of Maryland TAMS at the Valley View Inn, and it may be one of the places that we will be holding future meetings. The food was great.



purple



red



Building

Obv: VALLEY / VIEW / INN
Rev: GOOD FOR ONE / (bottle) / BEER
PURPLE

Obv: VALLEY / VIEW / INN
Rev: GOOD FOR / (shot glass) / WHISKEY
RED



The following tokens was listed on tokencatalog.com

Obv: VALLEY / VIEW / INN

Rev: (blank)

round plastic

TC-272889 - Restaurant/Bar located at 8712 Satyr Hill Rd., Parkville MD --- I have 5 tokens from this establishment, 4 are identical except color...the larger BLUE token is 32mm...tokens were for use at the bar.



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▣ Please send questions, want lists, etc. to: BILL MILLER, quillbill@comcast.net.

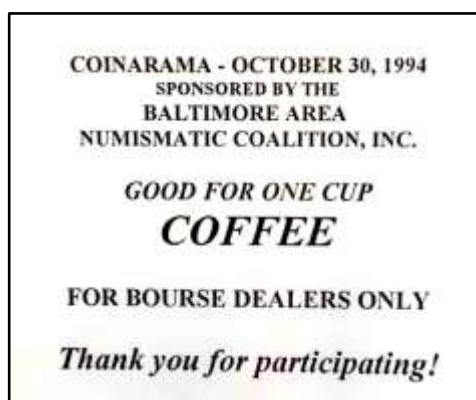
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Many of our newer members may not even be aware of an organization called BANC. BANC was the Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition. The name was coined by MD TAMS Past President Greg Ruby. In its inaugural years, Greg was Director and Bourse Chairman for BANC. BANC was formed by the amalgamation of three local clubs: The Baltimore Coin Club (BCC), the Catonsville Coin Club (CCC) and the Maryland Token and Medal Society (MD TAMS) primarily for the expressed purpose of putting on small, local coin shows. This came in an era where the Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) had stopped having their large, yearly summer show at the Baltimore Convention Center due to increased costs to put on such a show. At that time, there were the two Fall and Winter Gorden Berg and Ed Kusmar sponsored large coin shows at the convention center each year but almost no small, local shows in the region. Greg Ruby saw the need for such shows to support the hobby and stood up the BANC organization. In the first few years, BANC held several small shows each year at a hotel near Catonsville, then at the Owings Mills Volunteer Fire Department. Eventually, both of these locations became either inadequate or unavailable. After about a year or so off the radar, BANC found its new home at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Rd. BANC held three shows a year there for about 16 years. For about 20 years, BANC was extremely successful and either the primary or sole, non-dues, source of income for the three BANC member clubs. I am proud to say that I was the Director/Bourse Chairman for BANC for eleven years (33 shows).

After this historical recollection, I will now get to the real point of this article. While, Greg was still Bourse Chair, he came up with an idea to help support the dealers who set up at one of the early BANC shows at Owings Mills. He designed and printed two different paper tokens for use at that show. When a dealer came to the show and setup, they would be given their tokens. One was for a free cup of coffee and the other was for a free Donut. These plain white paper tokens had black printing on white paper and were 89 x 98 mm.

OBV: COINARAMA - OCTOBER 30, 1994 / SPONSORED BY THE / BALTIMORE AREA / NUMISMATIC COALITION, INC. / GOOD FOR ONE CUP / COFFEE / FOR BOURSE DEALERS ONLY / THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING !
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To the best of my knowledge, these tokens were used only at one BANC show. They directly relate to the four local organizations involved and make a nice addition to any Maryland token collection. Although these tokens were only used once, BANC dealers were provided with free coffee and donuts for most of the subsequent BANC shows. After about 20 years supporting a need for small, local shows, BANC ceased operation. Putting on such a show was getting very expensive and interest was waning as the BANC show was getting competition from several privately run small, local shows. BANC's time had run its course and the organization ceased its existence. It filled a need for many years. All that remains are the memories and items like these good for tokens used by BANC. Thanks to Jane for helping with the pictures.